

**Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
Monday, June 15, 2026
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, June 15, Chair Eugene Lamb called the Tallahassee State College District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Lamb asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Chair Eugene Lamb, Vice Chair Christian Caban, Trustees Sara Bayliss, Karen Moore, Monesia Brown, and Monte Stevens.

By Phone: Trustee Jonathan Rees.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Wayne Almy, Camden Smith, Calandra Stringer, Tricia Rizza, Bobby Jones, Freddy Menendez, Carli Chukes, Steve Nettles, Barbara Wills, Kalynda Holton, Christen Givens, David Hulse, Shelly Bell, Sean McGovern, Amanda Clements, Riley Landy, Dustin Frost, Alison Fleischmann, Nyla Davis, Rashaud Haywood, Mindy Stranburg, Brendie Hawkins, Danny Shrine, Tracey Shrine, Bertie Culbreath, Jennifer Peavy, Hope Childree, Heather Mitchell, Sheri Rowland and Jessica Griffin.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- I. Board Chair Remarks:
Chair Lamb called for a motion to allow Trustee Rees to participate in the meeting and vote by phone.
MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Brown
The motion passed unanimously.
- II. Trustee Remarks:
 - a. Trustee Stevens extended thoughts and prayers to Chair Lamb and his family.
 - b. Trustee Bayliss shared that she was planning to attend the AI Innovations Summit on campus.
 - c. Trustee Moore acknowledged that TSC is a finalist for the 2027 Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence. She also mentioned that President Murdaugh spoke at the Florida Chamber Prosperity Summit on

childhood poverty, a cause he champions statewide, and she thanked him for his leadership.

- d. Trustee Brown expressed enthusiasm about attending the AI Innovation Summit. She congratulated the departments on their hard work and dedication, noted that their efforts would hopefully be recognized in the news, and mentioned a book authored by President Murdaugh.
- e. Vice Chair Caban offered condolences on Chair Lamb's loss, congratulated President Murdaugh on the recent awards and nominations, and expressed appreciation for how well President Murdaugh represents the college and its trustees.

- III. President Murdaugh thanked the trustees for their kind words and concern when he reached out with news of Chair Lamb's loss. He acknowledged that 15 faculty and staff members were recently named recipients of the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISDO) Excellence Award for their outstanding contributions. He also highlighted that TSC has launched new programs: an Associate of Science degree in Emergency Administration and Management, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Auditing and Compliance Management, and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Management Analytics. Dr. Stringer and her team at TSC are continually seeking demand-driven opportunities from the business community. Additionally, he shared that TSC is one of the top 10 finalists nationwide for the 2027 Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence and is scheduled for an upcoming site visit. President Murdaugh introduced Carlecia Collins of GrayRobinson to provide updates on legislative issues.

Carlecia noted that we are in Special Session F, which ended a couple of days ago and included property taxes. TSC submitted two requests, one for the Gadsden Center expansion for phase two. Last year, we received 2.8 million in the budget; this year, we requested 8 million and were fortunate to get 4 million. We will request four million for phase three. The second project is the Applied Learning Center, Hospitality, Dental Building. We asked for ten million; this one did not make the budget. She thanked Heather and her team for pounding the pavement at every possible meeting and noted that Senator Simon secured \$500,000 in recurring dollars for us. Once it is in the budget, it remains there and becomes part of the college's base budget. She shared that Kirk Pepper of GrayRobinson met with the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget and discussed the importance of completing phase two so we can begin the building process and be ready for phase three next year. The budget process has to end by June 30 because the new fiscal year starts July 1. Trustees asked whether they could help; Carlecia advised them to reach out to Senator Simon or the Governor's Chief of Staff to encourage dialogue about funding for the two projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026 May Board Minutes
Approve minutes as presented.
MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban
The motion passed unanimously.
2. 2026 Presidential Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
Approve minutes as presented.
MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Amanda Clements, Vice President of Communications, shared an overview of recent media coverage.

Highlights included:

- Tallahassee Democrat, Florida Politics, and WTXL covered the Sterling Flight Training launch of the pilot certification program.
- WCTV and Florida Politics covered the Associate of Science degree in Emergency Management.
- Florida Politics featured the Summer 2026 exhibition happening now with the Gadsden Art Guild.
- Community College Daily and Florida Politics covered the 2027 Aspen Prize top ten finalist list.
- Greg Tish invited Dr. Angela Long and Eddie Gonzalez Loumiet, the current chair of the Chamber, to his morning radio show today to discuss the upcoming AI Innovation Summit.

Broadcast clips included:

- TSC partnering with Sterling Flight Training to launch a new professional aeronautics certification program.
- Associate of Science degree in Emergency Administration and Management, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Auditing and Compliance Management, and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Management Analytics.
- 2027 Aspen Institute Prize for Community College Excellence; TSC is one of the top ten finalists in the country.

VP Clements noted that if you are attending the AI Innovation Summit, look outside the Fine Performing Arts Center for the large banner marking our Aspen recognition.

PRESENTATIONS-Heather Mitchell, Vice President of the TSC Foundation, introduced David Hulse, President of Bank of America; they were the first sponsors for the TSC Cleaver and Cork Brunch and Barbecue. Mr. Hulse and his colleagues expressed their amazement at all that TSC does and their satisfaction with the organization's accomplishments. They highlighted their ongoing partnership, which has included involvement in the building program, the medical lab technician program, and most recently, Cleaver and Cork, viewing these initiatives as excellent opportunities to expand their collaboration.

VP Mitchell introduced Tracey and Danny Shrine of the Full Press Apparel Company. She shared that the Shrines have supported events and programs and have served as the VIP sponsor for Cleaver and Cork over the past year. Danny served on the TSC Foundation Board, and Tracey has served on the Cleaver and Cork board. They expressed a desire to establish a scholarship. Mr. Shrine noted that he was a proud TSC alumnus more than 30 years ago. He added that, for him and his wife, Tracey, involvement with this college has fulfilled their belief in building a better community and a stronger business. It has been a great partnership. They want to endow a scholarship to create a legacy that will outlast their business and continue to support what the college has done for them. They consider it a great honor and opportunity.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organization process for meetings that allows the governing board to focus their time and attention on action items that require more elaboration, information, and/or discussion. The intent of the consent agenda is to support the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

If a trustee has a question or plans to cast a negative vote regarding a specific recommendation, then the trustee/trustees need to acknowledge their intention to the Chair. This action item will be considered in the regular order of business as an individual action item.

Those action items that the trustees plan to approve without further question or discussion will remain on the consent agenda. Upon the final determination of the consent agenda, a motion, second to the motion, and unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees is needed to approve the action items. Upon approval of the consent agenda, the Board of Trustees will proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

3. Attorney Invoices – Bryant Miller Oliver (June 2026)
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.
4. Human Resource Report
Approve the report as presented.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Moore

SECOND: Trustee Stevens

The motion passed unanimously.

TSC Foundation

5. TSC Foundation Update
Presented as an information item only.

Academic Affairs

6. Academic Curriculum Changes
Approve the proposed academic curriculum changes.
MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.
7. Annual, Continuing and Post Award Contract Recommendations
Approve the recommendations for annual, continuing and post-award contracts in the attached list.
MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban
The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

8. Fund Analysis - May
Presented as an information item only.
9. Disposition of Surplus Property Assets
Authorize the College to dispose of the items designated as surplus.
MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.
10. Use of College Personnel and Facilities
Approve the use of College resources for Foundation DSO activities as presented.
MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
The motion passed unanimously.
Trustees asked how the college compares with others in its investment in the DSO. Vice President Mitchell clarified that the college does not invest in the foundation because there are no fund transfers and the foundation has no employees. President Murdaugh explained that the report is an annual review of resource utilization and commended the foundation for its efficient and effective fundraising.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- June 16 & 17: Innovation Summit
- June 30: Adult Education graduation, 6:00 p.m., Turner Auditorium
- July 28: Healthcare Profession Summer Pinning Ceremony, 4:30 p.m., Lifetime Sports Complex.
- July: No DBOT meeting
- Thanked Dustin Frost, Marckus Harden and Wayne Almey for all the updates accomplished in the boardroom.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 17, 2026

Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT: 3:36 p.m.

Eugene Lamb
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President